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1. WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE, BASED ON LETTER TO "POP" BUELL FROM NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SENIOR EDITOR WILLIAM GARRETT, THAT STORY OF ALLEGED DEFOLIATION OF MEO POPPY FIELDS IN LAOS BY AMERICAN AIRCRAFT AS PART OF U.S. INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM, MAY BE PICKED UP BY JACK ANDERSON AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY KENNEDY SUBCOMMITTEE ON REFUGEES. SHOULD ARTICLE IN FACT APPEAR, AND WE BE QUESTIONED BY PRESS ABOUT ALLEGATIONS, WE INTEND TO DRAW ON REFTEL, WHICH IS PRESUMABLY NOW UNCLASSIFIED AS A RESULT OF ITS HAVING BEEN PASSED TO KENNEDY IN RESPONSE TO HIS JULY 13 LETTER TO DR. HANNAH.

2. IF QUERIED, DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY SPOKESMAN MAY WISH TO DRAW ON SAME MESSAGE SO THAT OUR RESPONSES ARE COORDINATED.

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